



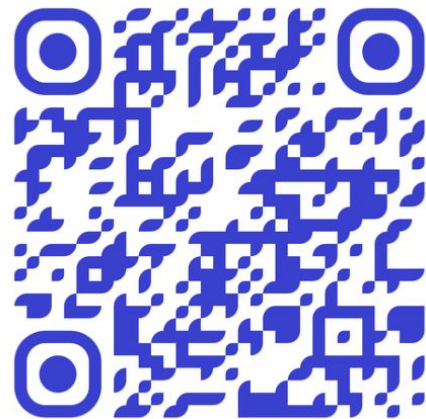
April 22, 2026

# Welcome!

**Please grab a snack and take this time to check in with the people at your table. How was their week/day? How are they doing?**

**Sign up for Summer Programs Today!**

- **Mission Outpost Summer Summit-(Totus Tuus)**
  - **June 7-12**
- **VBS**
  - **July 13-17**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **2026-27-Fill Out Catechists Interest Form**
- **Pick up May Magnifikids**
- **End of Year Celebration**
  - **Picnic outside or John XXIII-Weather Pending**
  - **Games and Ice cream provided**
  - **Honor classes and teachers**

# LIVING CATHOLIC

## Liturgy in Light of Vatican II





# Let us Pray:

Excerpt from Saint  
Pope John XXIII's  
Opening Speech at  
the Second Vatican  
Council

**“At the outset of the Second Vatican Council, it is evident, as always, that the truth of the Lord will remain forever. We see, in fact, as one age succeeds another, that the opinions of men follow one another and exclude each other. And often errors vanish as quickly as they arise, like fog before the sun. The Church has always opposed these errors. Frequently she has condemned them with the greatest severity. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity. She considers that she meets the needs of the present day by demonstrating the validity of her teaching rather than by condemnations.”**

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**“Not, certainly, that there is a lack of fallacious teaching, opinions, and dangerous concepts to be guarded against and dissipated. But these are so obviously in contrast with the right norm of honesty, and have produced such lethal fruits, that by now it would seem that men of themselves are inclined to condemn them, particularly those ways of life which despise God and His law or place excessive confidence in technical progress and a well-being based exclusively on the comforts of life. They are ever more deeply convinced of the paramount dignity of the human person and of his perfections, as well as of the duties which that implies. Even more important, experience has taught men that violence inflicted on others, the might of arms, and political domination, are of no help at all in finding a happy solution to the grave problems which afflict them.”**



Saint Pope  
John XXIII  
Praying at the  
Basilica of  
Saint Paul  
Outside the  
Walls before  
announcing  
Vatican II

**Why Convene Vatican II?**



**Joseph Ratzinger and  
Yves Congar meet  
during Vatican II**

- Spiritual &  
Theological  
Needs**
- Pastoral Needs**
- Experiential  
Change from  
Angelo Roncalli**



Cardinal  
Angelo  
Roncalli in  
Bulgaria

# Texts of Vatican II



**Bishop Karol Wytola  
(Future Saint Pope John  
Paul II) @ Vatican II**



**Attendees of  
Vatican II**

**16 Total Documents**

**4 Constitutions**

**\*Dogmatic/Doctrinal**

**9 Decrees**

**\*Practical, Pastoral, and  
Organizational Renewal**

**3 Declarations**

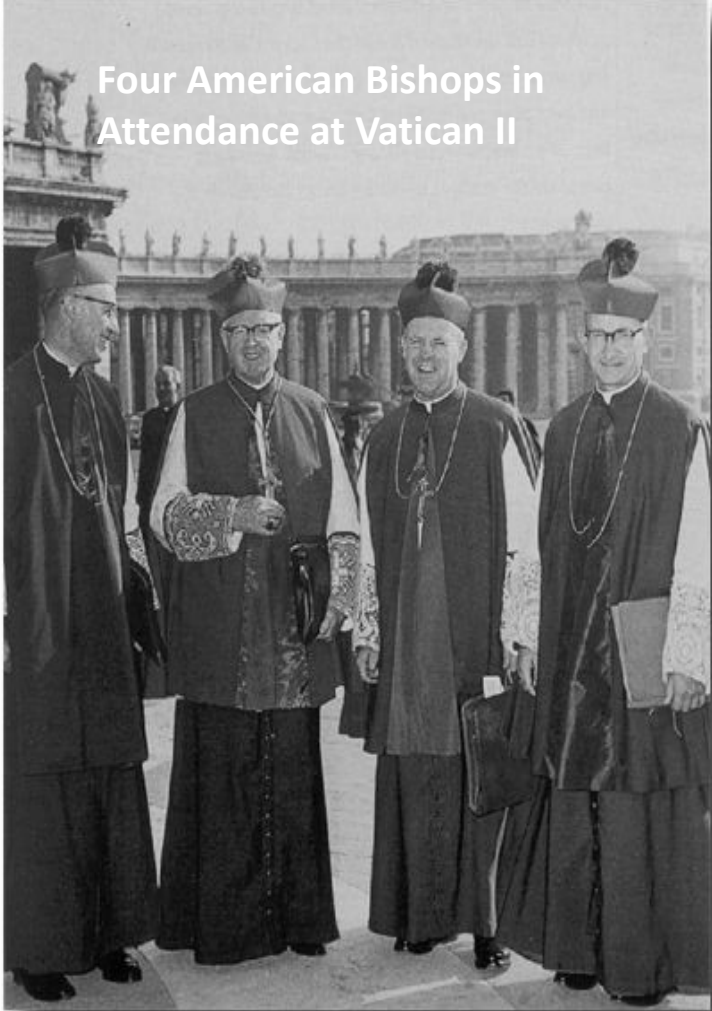
**\*Guides to Specific  
Topics**



**Sacrosanctum Concilium**

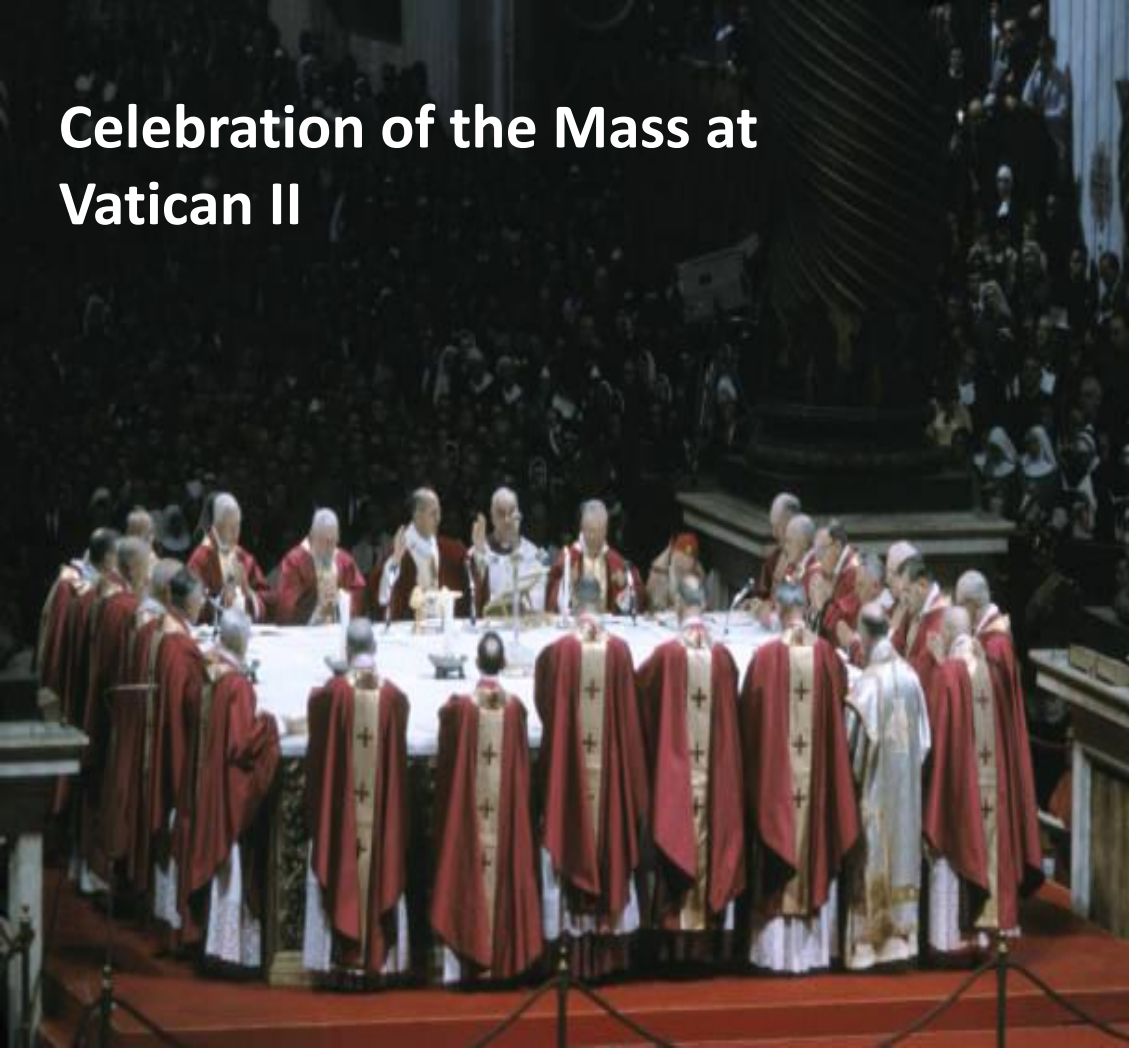
**Robert Longo's  
Cathedral of  
Light**

Four American Bishops in Attendance at Vatican II



“This sacred Council has several aims in view: **it desires to impart an ever increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of mankind into the household of the Church...** Lastly, in faithful obedience to tradition, the sacred Council declares that **holy Mother Church holds all lawfully acknowledged rites to be of equal right and dignity; that she wishes to preserve them in the future and to foster them in every way. The Council also desires that, where necessary, the rites be revised carefully in the light of sound tradition, and that they be given new vigor to meet the circumstances and needs of modern times.**” (SC1, SC4)

# Celebration of the Mass at Vatican II

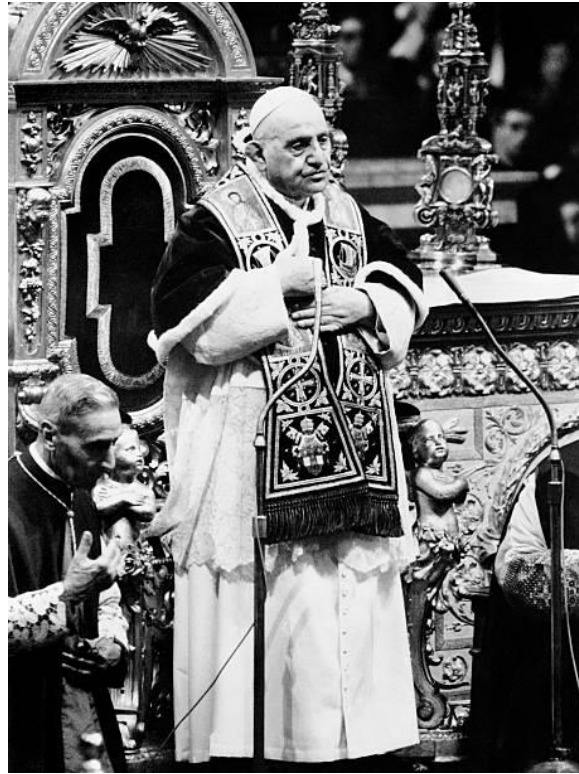


## Seven Chapters

- The Restoration and Promotion of Sacred Liturgy
- Most Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist
- Sacraments
- Divine Office
- Liturgical Year
- Sacred Music
- Sacred Art

-Participation in the Passion, Death, Ressurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (SC7)

-Summit where the Church is directed and Font from which all power flows (SC10)



-A fuller participation in the mass by the faithful (SC14)

-Christ is present in the priest, the Word, the Eucharist, and the gathering of the faithful (SC7)

## **The Restoration and Promotion of Sacred Liturgy**

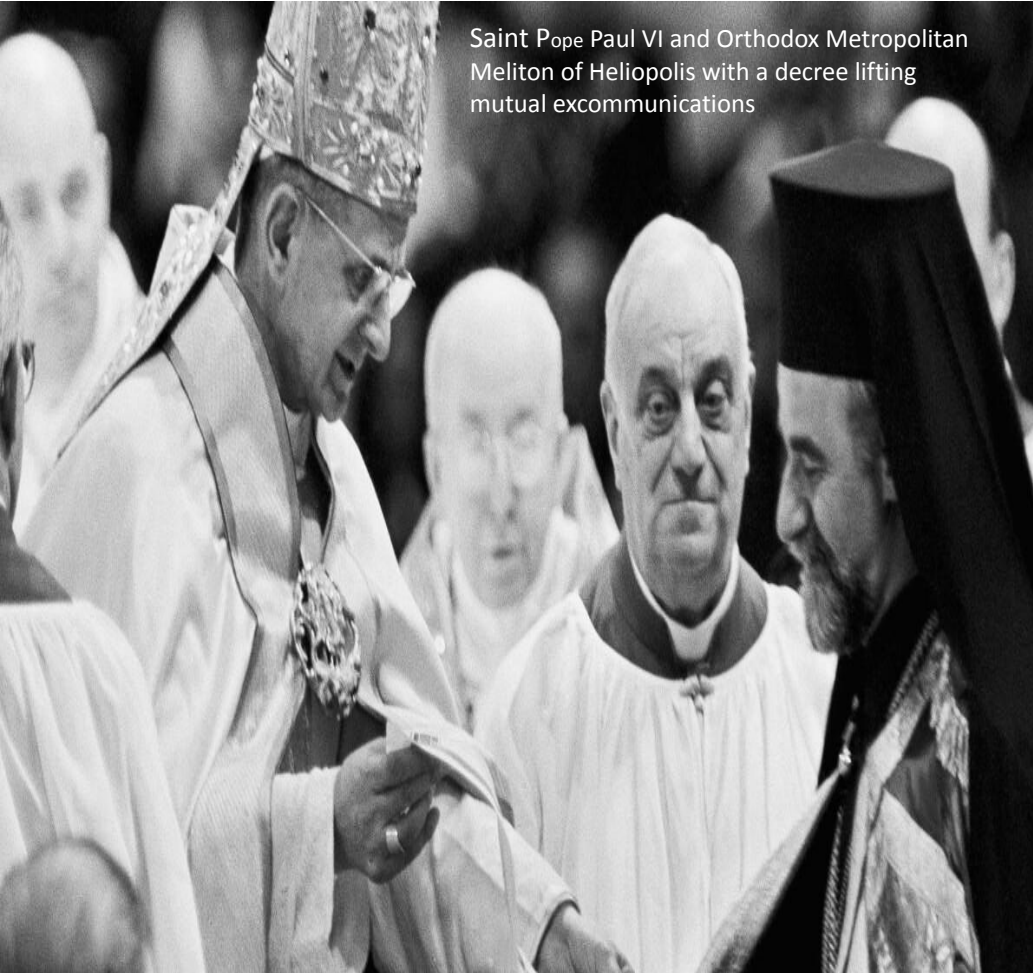
## Most Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist

- Christian Faithful are not silent spectators (SC48)
- Expansion of Scriptures Read at Mass (SC51)
- Reintroduction of Prayers of the faithful, sign of peace, and confiteor and offertory (SC50)



Saint Pope Paul VI  
Overseeing a Mass  
at Vatican II

# The Sacraments



Saint Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Metropolitan Meliton of Heliopolis with a decree lifting mutual excommunications

-Restoration of the Catechumenate (SC64)

-Revision of Sacramental Rites (SC66-78)

## Divine Office

-Liturgy of the Hours is a Rich and Beautiful Tradition (SC84)

-Care should be given to make space for recitation of the Divine Office within Parishes (SC100)



Saint Pope Paul VI and Future Pope John Paul I



**A Group of Women Auditors @  
Vatican II**

## **Liturgical Year**

- Three Year Liturgical Cycle (SC106-107)
- The emphasis on baptism in Lent (SC109)

-Music in the Liturgy is a treasure (SC112)

-Gregorian Chant is especially suited for the Roman Liturgy and should be given pride of place in Liturgy (SC116)

## **Sacred Music**

-Inculturation of music from various global traditions is important (SC119)

-Polyphony and other forms of music are by no means excluded so long as they accord with the spirit of the liturgical action (SC116)

-Pipe Organs are to be held in high esteem (SC120)

-Other Instruments allowed if suitable or made suitable for sacred use in accord with the dignity of the temple, and truly contribute to the edification of the faithful (SC120)

## Sacred Art

-Art in its nature is oriented toward the infinite beauty of God and the Church seeks to furnish itself with art that achieves this purpose (SC122)

-No particular style is preferred (SC123)

-Should strive for noble beauty, not sumptuous display(SC124)

-Study of art should be implemented in seminaries (SC129)



## **Application of Changes**

- Revision and Publication of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal
- Delegation of various liturgical matters to Bishop's Conference or individual episcopacies
- Increase of Scripture Reading (3.5% OT from 1% & 71.5% NT from 16.5%)
- Use of Vernacular in songs, readings, and prayers (as deemed to benefit the faithful)
- A reverence for and desire to continue the use of Latin for the benefit of the faithful
- Preference for priest to face the faithful
- More roles for the laity within the liturgy
- Restoration of ancient mass parts



## Discussion Questions

- 1. How does a fuller participation in the liturgy play out as you attend mass - where are you participating most and what areas do you need to work on?**
- 2. Where do you see a need to further implement prescribed liturgical changes from Sacrosanctum Concillium?**
- 3. How can you participate in your parish to best bring out the intended changes prescribed in Sacrosanctum Concillium?**



# RESOURCES

- **Helpful Resources**
- **with links**
- **go here!**



## MEMORARE

**R**EMEMBER, O MOST gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us.

AMEN.